



Cochise County Elections & Special Districts

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POSTING OF CANDIDATE/POLITICAL SIGNS

It is the candidate's responsibility to check with the County Planning and Zoning Department for any additional regulations. Political Candidates and campaign volunteers shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless Cochise County and its employees from and against any and all claims and damages caused in whole or in part by their negligent or willful acts or omissions related to the placement of political signs in, on or about County right of way/roadways.

If a temporary political sign is placed in a public right-of-way that is owned or controlled by the County and the sign supports or opposes a candidate for public office or it supports or opposes a ballot measure the following guidelines apply:

- The sign cannot be placed in a location that is hazardous to public safety, obstructs clear vision in the area or interferes with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- The sign has a maximum area of sixteen square feet, if the sign is located in an area zoned for residential use, or a maximum area of thirty-two square feet if the sign is located in any other area.
- The sign must contain the name and telephone number of the candidate or campaign committee contact person.
- Political signs may not be placed in public right-a-ways more than **60 days prior** to the primary election. Furthermore, the signs must be removed with 30 calendar days following the final election for that candidate or issue.
- Political signs **may not** be placed or attached to County road signs, public facility, or building.
- A.D.O.T regulates the placement of signs adjacent to state roadways and interstates; drainage channel or streams; on or around interchange or crossroads; on or around traffic signs, signals or devices; and on natural features, including trees and rocks.

State law requires you to have underground utilities marked before installing signs. See www.arizona811.com/politicalsigns. Do not place any signs on utility poles.

For signs placed within the City limits please contact the City Clerk for regulations/ordinances that may apply in that jurisdiction.

REFERENCE: A.R.S. 16-1019, 28-7903
Cochise County Code 1908.21

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